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MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE
DATE AND TIME:	May 18, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	June 15, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas A. Mercer, DDS, Professional Member, President
Dr. Brian McAllister, DMD, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Ryan Barnhart, DDS, Professional Member (arrived at 3:16 p.m.)
Dr. Erin Cox, DDS, Professional Member
Dr. Bruce Matthews, DDS, Professional Member
Buffy Parker, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
Mary Trinkle, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
June Ewing, Public Member (arrived at 3:06 p.m., departed at 3:25 p.m.)
Joseph Stormer, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rozi Berberian, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Seyar Baqi
Dustin Root

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Mercer called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

CONDUCT DELIBERATIONS FROM PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD'S RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board held their deliberations from the March 16, 2017 public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the Board's rules and regulations. There were no additional comments received. Dr. McAllister moved, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to accept the proposed amendments as previously published. The motion carried with Dr. Barnhart and Ms. Ewing not present for the vote. The Order will be presented at the next meeting for Board member signatures.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2017

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to approve the March 16, 2017 meeting minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discipline and Compliance

Dr. McAllister moved, seconded by Mr. Stormer, to send Dr. Rodriguez a rule to show cause notice of hearing for her to appear at the August meeting to discuss her billing audits pursuant to the requirements of her Board Order. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review and Consider Board Order for Holli Houdek

Dr. Mercer affixed his signature to the non-discipline Order for Ms. Houdek.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications for Licensure

Dr. Matthews moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to waive the exam for Navid Asgari as he was previously licensed as a dentist in Delaware and has not had a gap in practice. The motion carried with Dr. Barnhart and Mr. Stormer objecting.

Dr. Matthews moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to approve Navid Asgari for licensure as a Dentist. The motion carried with Mr. Stormer objecting.

Mr. Stormer moved, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to approve Dustin Root for licensure as a Dentist-Academic. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Dr. McAllister moved, seconded by Dr. Matthews, to approve Seyar Baqi for licensure as a Dentist contingent upon the fulfillment of 3 years of active dental practice in another state or territory which will take place July 10, 2017. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. Mr. Baqi will have his license issued July 10, 2017 and will be sent a contingency letter for his future employer's record.

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. Barnhart, to approve Michael Moeller for licensure as a Resident Limited. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Complaint Updates

The Board was informed that complaints #09-02-16 and #09-06-16 were dismissed due to prosecutorial discretion; Complaint #09-03-17 was closed by the Division for insufficient evidence; Complaint #09-12-16 was sent to the Attorney General for further review; Complaint 09-04-16 was dismissed by the Attorney General's office.

Ratification of Dental Hygienist Applications

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to ratify the dental hygienist licenses listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Christiana Fultz
Rebecca Wilson

Ratification of Dental Applications

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. Barnhart, to ratify the dental licenses listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Phyllis Colombaro
Rhae Anna Riegel
Karlene Guasteferro

Ratification of Restricted II Permits

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. Barnhart, to ratify the restricted II permits listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

James Tigani
Nadarajah Ganeshkumar

Ratification of Temporary Dentist License

Dr. Matthews moved, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to ratify the temporary dentist license for Nicholas Conte. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Dental Exams

The Board discussed the exam dates for 2018 and proposed the following:

- January 4th & 5th for the dental and hygiene exams with inclement weather dates of January 11th & 12th.
- May 18th for the dental hygiene exams.
- May 31st & June 1st for the dental exams with alternate dates of June 7th & 8th.

Ms. Hurley will communicate with DTCC for confirmation on the dates above and will notify the Board at their next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the request to help students find internships and jobs in the dental field submitted by Marina Pini from the New Castle County Vocational Technical School District. The Board decided that this was beyond the scope of what they do and suggested that she contact the Delaware State Dental Society for their input. Ms. Hurley stated she would pass that information on to Ms. Pini.

Dr. McAllister walked the Board through the ADA Talking Points Memo that supports a patient-less national exam. There has been some pushback from schools, states and testing agencies as this will potentially eliminate all other exams.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Stormer moved, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith Hurley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meredith Hurley
Administrative Specialist II